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SUBJECT: LTDP FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY AND NATO STAFFING
IMPROVEMENTS

REFS: A. USNATO 04613, DTG 091332Z MAY 78; B. USNATO 04626,
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1. WE ARE PERPLEXED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE STANCE TAKEN
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL TOWARD STAFFING IMPROVEMENTS AND
FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LTDP REPORTED
REFTELS. WITH REGARD TO PARA 3D, REF A, LUNS KNOWS BETTER
THAN WE THAT, ALTHOUGH NATO HEADQUARTERS CANNOT ENGENDER
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NATIONAL POLITICAL WILL WHERE THERE IS NONE, THERE IS
MUCH THAT THE SECRETARIAT CAN DO TO COAX NATIONAL ACTION
AND BETTER COORDINATE NATIONAL EFFORT THROUGH GOOD STAFF
WORK. THE TASK FORCES RECOGNIZED THIS. THEY ALSO
RECOGNIZED THAT THE LTDP CALLED FOR UNPRECEDENTED LONG
TERM COOPERATION IN LARGELY NEW FIELDS, WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE MORE IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY THAN PRESENTLY EXISTS.

2. IT HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT PERHAPS LUNS HAS TAKEN THE US PUSH ON STAFFING AS A FORM OF CRITICISM. THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE. INSTEAD, WE ARE ONLY TRYING TO HELP INSURE THAT LUNS WILL GET ADDITIONAL HELP WHERE IT IS

OBVIOUSLY INDICATED, E.G., LOGISTICS, WHICH, FOR INSTANCE, WILL NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN THIS AREA BUT GIVE WALSH MORE TIME ON ARMAMENTS, STANDARDIZATION, AND INTEROPERABILITY. THUS, WE ARE AT A LOSS REGARDING LUNS' RESPONSE.

3. REQUEST AMBASSADOR DISCUSS ENTIRE AREA WITH LUNS WITH VIEW TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING HIS POSITION, AND BRINGING HIM AROUND TO U.S. VIEW.

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